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**Maine EMS Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 11, 1998  
Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta, Maine**

**Present:** R. Woods, C. Boehm, S. Shapleigh, L. Delano, P. Conley, K. Suminsby, L. Worden, P. Marcolini, D. Bahr, D. Palladino, P. Plumer, J. Brinkman, B. Zito

**Staff:** D. Corning

**I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.

- a. **Introductions** - None necessary
- b. **Assign Timekeeper** - Roy Woods
- c. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**II. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**Motion to accept the January 14, 1998 minutes as submitted. (Suminsby; Worden) Motion Passed.**

**III. Staff Report:**

- a. **Operations Team:**
  - 1) **First Responder Draft Curriculum:** Ops Team members will be reviewing the draft document prepared by the joint sub committee, and sending comments to Dwight. They emphasized that any new changes that are made will not take place until every piece is in place, including new tests, refresher program, instructor updates, plans for updating current First Responders, etc.
  - 2) **Maine Paramedic Course Graduates:** The question has been raised as to whether or not graduates of Maine Paramedic Courses have received training equivalent to the National Standard Curriculum, and therefore would be allowed by the National Registry to take their test. The previous Maine EMS Education Coordinator had apparently sent a letter to National Registry stating that either none or only a certain 1 or 2 courses in Maine met the National Standard Curriculum guidelines. Jay and Dwight are researching this so the issue can be clarified and appropriate actions taken.

b. Board:

- 1) Three RN's from Region 4 have been granted 6 month waivers to complete the necessary training and testing to become EMT-Critical Care Technicians.
- 2) The Board passed a resolution acknowledging and praising the outstanding contributions that the EMS community made during the ice storms.
- 3) The Board reviewed and adopted the MEMS goals and objectives that were drafted in the fall of '97. The first goal that will be worked on is: "Provide for the delivery of quality patient care within the emergency medical system consistent with currently accepted standards of practice in a cost effective manner." The objective is to "Develop a statewide performance improvement plan with identification of performance indicators. The Operations Team will begin work on this task this spring.
- 4) LD607: The LD was referred to the taxation committee, and it is expected to be an uphill battle.

c. MDPB:

- 1) Nu-Trake: The MDPB has rejected the Nu-Trake as an approved device, therefore it can not be utilized by EMS services.

#### IV. Old Business:

- a **EMS/TC Task Force:** John Fields will be following up with John Fitzimmons to see about the scheduling of the next meeting.
- b **EMT-Intermediate:** Paul Marcolini reported that he has not had any response yet to the letter he sent to the Board and Operations Team. Dwight will follow up with Jay to request it be added to next Board and Operations Team meetings. The latest draft of the EMT-I NSC should be available by early March. Dwight will make sure it is downloaded and dispersed to the Education Committee. This curriculum seems to be on the fast track, and will be going to NHTSA in March. Because the process is moving faster than expected, it may be possible for the Education Committee to review it far earlier than previously thought, and this may weigh in on which direction the Board and Operations Team wishes the Education Committee to go. The committee discussed that this has been an ongoing topic for many months, and we really should be moving in some direction with it. The 3 choices seemed to be:
  - 1) Go to old curriculum and change the state test to more adequately reflect the content of the EMT-I curriculum.
  - 2) Review the Southern Maine EMS enhanced EMT-I proposal
  - 3) Review the proposed NSC for the EMT-I level.

**Motion: To recommend to Exam Committee that they move ahead with rewriting the MEMS EMT-I exam to reflect the current EMT-I Course curriculum. (Suminsby; Bahr) Failed 2-8-0**

**Motion: Move that the Education Committee strongly urge the MEMS Board to form a subcommittee consisting of representatives from the Board, Education Committee, Exam Committee, Operations Team, MDPB, and staff to review the proposed National Standard Curriculums for the Paramedic and EMT-I levels; and empower the committee to recommend adoption for Maine if the curriculums meet the needs of Maine. Response to this motion is requested from the Board following their next (April) meeting. (Boehm; Shapleigh) Passed 10-0-1.**

- c **Preceptor Guidelines:** The committee discussed "the look of the preceptor service", and reached agreement on the following two points:

- 1) Service must be licensed/permitted/certified/registered to at least the level that the student is seeking.

**Motion to accept this bullet. (Bahr; Paladino) Passed 12-0-0**

2) Students can be precepted by their own services, but must be there as a student. **Motion to accept this bullet. (Woods; Boehm) Passed 8-4-0 (Plumer, Palladino, Bahr, Zito)**

On the next agenda we need to schedule time to discuss “the look of a hospital preceptor”. After lengthy discussion of whether or not we have completed the task of developing preceptor guidelines, it was decided that next month the Education Committee will identify members of a subcommittee to revisit the original intent of developing preceptor guidelines, and develop ideas on how to cultivate good preceptor skills.

- d **I/C Program:** Just a reminder to regions that they are supposed to send information to Dwight by March 1st on where they feel the I/C program needs to go.
- e **First Responder Program:** Dwight will review the May 1996 minutes and discuss with staff how many hours are currently in the Maine EMS First Responder Course. At issue is whether the course is 40 or 45 hours long, is CPR included in the course or a prerequisite, and is AED and oxygen administration part of a 45 hour course or an additional 5 hours beyond that. **Motion: To accept the subcommittees recommendations for an addendum to the Maine EMS First Responder Course. (Boehm; Suminsby) Passed 12-0-0**
- f **CBO’s:** Tabled until March meeting.

#### V. New Business:

- a. **Distance Learning:** At the March meeting a subcommittee will be formed to review distance learning at other educational institutions and entities, and make recommendations back to the Education Committee.
- b. **CPR as Course Prerequisite or Part of Courses:** Tabled until March meeting
- c. **Quorum:** Tabled to March meeting to discuss resetting the minimum quorum for this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Corning